

## SENATE BILL NO. 59

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING MOUNTAIN LION TROPHY FEES TO BE USED FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF MOUNTAIN LIONS; CREATING A SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF TROPHY FEES; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-2-507 AND 87-2-508, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 87-2-507, MCA, is amended to read:

**"87-2-507. Class D-1--nonresident mountain lion license -- trophy fee.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a person who is not a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, but who is 12 years of age or older or who will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued, upon payment of a fee of \$320 may receive a Class D-1 license that entitles a holder who is 12 years of age or older to hunt mountain lion and possess the carcass of the mountain lion as authorized by department rules.

(2) (a) If a holder of a valid mountain lion license under this section kills a mountain lion, the licensee shall purchase a trophy license for a fee of \$50 within 10 days after the date of kill. The trophy license authorizes the holder to possess and transport the trophy.

(b) All proceeds from trophy license fees paid under subsection (2)(a) must be deposited in a special revenue account and used by the department for the substantial benefit of mountain lions. The proceeds must be used in addition to any other funds the department uses for the management of mountain lions."

**Section 2.** Section 87-2-508, MCA, is amended to read:

**"87-2-508. Class D-2--resident mountain lion license -- trophy fee.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a person who is a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, and who is 12 years of age or older or who will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued, upon payment of a fee of \$19, may receive a Class D-2 license that entitles a holder who is 12 years of age or older to hunt mountain lion and possess the carcass of the mountain lion as authorized by department rules.

(2) (a) If a holder of a valid mountain lion license under this section kills a mountain lion, the licensee

1 shall purchase a trophy license for a fee of \$50 within 10 days after the date of kill. The trophy license authorizes  
2 the holder to possess and transport the trophy.

3 (b) All proceeds from trophy license fees paid under subsection (2)(a) must be deposited in a special  
4 revenue account and used by the department for the substantial benefit of mountain lions. The proceeds must  
5 be used in addition to any other funds the department uses for the management of mountain lions."

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7 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2009.

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